

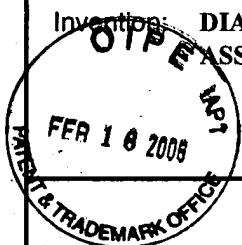
**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.  
**17376**

**In Re Application Of: Tsutomu Okada**

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/764,892	January 26, 2004	Beverly Meindl	23389	3737	9699

**DIATHERMIC SNARE, MEDICAL INSTRUMENT SYSTEM USING THE SNARE, AND METHOD OF  
ASSEMBLING THE MEDICAL INSTRUMENT SYSTEM**



**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 9/13/2005 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

<input type="checkbox"/> One month	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months	<input type="checkbox"/> Three months	<input type="checkbox"/> Four months	<input type="checkbox"/> Five months
from: _____	12/13/2005 <i>Date</i>	until: _____	2/13/2006 <i>Date</i>	

**The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:**

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	18 -	20 =	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4 -	3 =	1	x \$200.00	\$200.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$200.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$450.00
<b>TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME</b>					<b>\$650.00</b>

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of \$650.00 for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.

Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP

Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP .

Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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*Signature*

Dated: February 13, 2006

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